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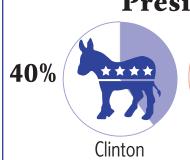
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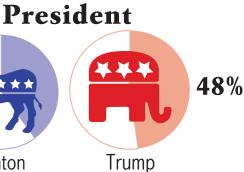
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Constitutional Amendment 2

Would establish limits on campaign contributions to candidates for state of judicial office.

Constitutional Amendment 3

Would increase taxes on cigarettes to 60 cents by 2020.

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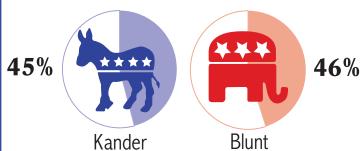
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Would empower the state government to require the presentation of voter IDs at public elections for the purpose of identifying and providing national and state citizenship.

Senate



Proposition A

Would increase taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products a total of 23 cents per pack by 2021.

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ALEXIS GIESTERT | NW MISSOURIAN

The School of Agriculture Sciences puts on another week of Celebrate Agriculture starting Nov. 14. There will be a variety of activities all week in Valk.

Students relay the importance of agriculture

Chief Reporter | @SmithEmily8

Celebrate Agriculture attempts to put agriculture into the forefront of fall, while also connecting to the community.

This is the second year of the annual event hosted by the School of Agricultural Sciences. The week includes events such as the School of Agricultural Sciences' open house, tailgating at the Bearcat Zone and a community social. These events attempt to both promote and celebrate agriculture in its many forms.

Director of the School of Agricultural Sciences Rodney Barr described this week as a way to promote the agriculture industry both at the University, as well as in the greater Maryville community.

"Events take place throughout the week but culminate Saturday. We want to connect students, alumni and industry partners together to say thank you," Barr said.

According to Barr, there will be an open house Saturday, Nov. 12 in Valk for alumni, friends and some high school students, as well as agricultural displays at the Bearcat Zone as part of the tailgating festivities. The Celebrate Agriculture social and auction will follow the game and be hosted in the Maryville Community Center.

"This provides a good networking opportunity for our students. It also allows us to connect with the alumni and promote the School of Agricultural Sciences," Barr said.

In keeping with the theme of Celebrating Agriculture, the School

of Agricultural Sciences will also promote the 56th annual Farm-City Banquet, an event put on by the Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom. Barr says this event is a good way to kick off the

week celebrating agriculture. "We advocate partnerships with the community and the School of Agricultural Sciences, and we help to promote the event in our advertisement. Agriculture plays such an important role to Nodaway county and the region, so anything to promote it, we are going to do," Barr said.

Alpha Gamma Rho and Sigma Alpha, the agriculture fraternity and sorority, are also getting involved in the celebration by coordinating a food drive during the week.

President of Alpha Gamma Rho Bud Sayers said they are putting on a food drive for the Ministry Center.

"Last year, we donated the most out of any sorority or fraternity to the Ministry Center," Sayers said.

They will be at Hy-Vee all next week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with fliers for shoppers, detailing the food needed by the Ministry Center. Shoppers can then purchase the items while doing their personal grocery shopping and donate items after purchase and upon departing the store.

"In agriculture, we feed everyone and help out the world with its hunger issue problems," Sayers said. "Through the canned food drive, we are connecting Celebrate Agriculture to its community."

lations.

A popular bar for Northwest students could lose its liquor license because of several non-alcohol related vio-

Non-alcohol violations trip up city bar

Owner of The Palms Eric Schreiber has received several city code violations in relation to the food truck, the "Wiener Wagon," due to expired tags. Schreiber also received city code violations for a school bus parked behind his bar. While these violations stirred the City Council to take action against The Palms, the arrests of four people involved in underage drinking also sparked the discussion.

If The Palms' license suspension hearing takes place, it would be the first time an establishment in Maryville has lost its liquor license in over a decade.

The hearing would be similar to a trial. The bar and the city would be allowed to have legal representation as well as the possibility to present evidence on both sides.

The City Council's role in the hearing would be to act like a judge. These hearings are rare because, in the past, license suspensions were taken care of by the Missouri liquor control agency. However, this particular agency deteriorated after the recession, leaving the responsibility to municipal governments.

Local teen charged with statutory rape

Nodaway County Sheriff's Office arrested a Pickering teen on charges of statutory rape and child molestation after allegedly attempting to commit sexual acts with an 11-year-old girl.

Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney Robert Rice filed charges against Justin M. Strough, 17, for first degree statutory rape and first degree child molestation.

According to a probable cause statement filed by Nodaway County Deputy Travis Casteel during a child molestation investigation, the 11-year-old victim (referred to in the statement as TR) admitted to her parents she had been having sex with Strough.

After being read his rights, Strough admitted to having sex with TR on two different occasions.

The two incidents took place late September and early October 2016. TR was 10 at the time.

Statutory rape charges could carry sentences ranging from five years to life. Child molestation carries a maximum charge of 15 years.



Free Mexican Dance Show

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(Left) Horace Mann princess Sofia Foot crowned Homecoming Queen Brooke Ravenscraft. (right) Prince Colin Hoffmann crowned Homecoming King Jacob Wood.

Diligent Northwest students awarded honorable titles

MYRANDA NERUD

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Northwest Missouri State University students elected their 2016 Homecoming King and Queen during the week of Oct. 17.

Oct. 27, Jacob Wood and Brooke Ravenscraft were crowned the Homecoming King and Queen during the Variety Show. Wood and Ravenscraft were crowned by Homecoming Prince and Princess, Colin Hoffmann and Sofia Foot, both kindergarteners at Horace Mann Laboratory School.

Wood is a senior majoring in mass media with an emphasis in multimedia journalism. Wood says he is grateful his peers voted him Homecoming King.

"It's a surreal feeling. It's a great honor and it feels great that my peers voted me into this position," Wood

Wood was sponsored by Alpha Sigma Alpha, and said he would like to thank the girls of Alpha Sigma Al-"I want to say thank you for the

sponsorship. I've always had a great relationship with the Alpha girls and they have been sweet and kind; it was a nice honor for them to nominate me," Wood said.

Ravenscraft, also a senior, is majoring in elementary education. Ravenscraft says winning Homecoming Queen is a great way to end her senior year at Northwest.

"The entire Homecoming weekend was an incredible honor and made for a wonderful memory to cap off my last semester here," Ravenscraft said.

Ravenscraft was sponsored by the men of Sigma Tau Gamma and said she would like to thank the fraternity for nominating her and for its members' friendship.

"They truly are men who live out their principles, and I feel fortunate to have crossed paths with them here at Northwest," Ravenscraft said.

Wood and Ravenscraft say they are honored to have received this

"Thank you to the Bearcat family for an incredible Homecoming weekend and the other royalty candidates for making this experience an unforgettable memory," Ravens-



SHAWNA KINGSTON I NW MISSOURIAN Seniors Jacob Wood and Brooke Ravenscraft were crowned Homecoming King and Queen during the Homecoming Variety Show Oct. 27.

Northwest's dedication to diversity results in noble, national awards

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Minority Access recognized Northwest Missouri State University for its efforts in diversity.

Minority Access is a nonprofit organization committed to increasing diversity in higher education. The organization started January 1995. According to the organization's website, its mission is to assist colleges and universities with enhancing and retaining underrepresented populations.

Northwest's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and University Police Chief Clarence Green were recognized for their efforts in diversity. Green received the Minority Access National Role Model Award during the 17th National Role Models Conference in Washington D.C., which took place Sept. 30 through Oct. 2.

Northwest's first Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Juanita Simmons and diversity coordinators Gabrielle Ray and Edward Gibson represented the University, accepting an institutional award on the University's behalf.

Northwest submitted its plan for diversity and inclusion to Minority Access to show evidence of Northwest's diversity and inclusion intentions on campus, according to Simmons.

"Minority Access looks at universities whose

actions and plans align with their organization's objectives, which include advancing educational equity, research and employment opportunities, role models and activities for women and minorities in higher education," Simmons said.

The Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is a new program that started in the summer of 2016. Ray believes that this award starts a new chapter for the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and builds up organizations on campus.

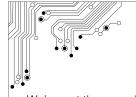
There is one particular organization called Minorities of STEM which is for minority students that have majors within the STEM fields, so receiving the recognition is a big step in giving these organizations and minority students recognition," Ray said.

Ray says there were a lot of people who helped contribute to Northwest receiving recognition from Minority Access, including students and staff

"Sometimes they (students and staff) don't get recognized on a daily basis, so having conferences such as this and awards such as the one Chief Green won makes it all worthwhile," Ray said.

Winning this award makes the division uphold its standards and continue to include minority students and staff. Simmons and Ray both said they feel a sense of affirmation in the work Northwest has done for diversity and inclusion.





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Multiple vendors partake in downtown Trick-or-Treat

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Maryville congregated downtown for a night of candy, costumes and fun.

For the past 21 years, the Maryville town square has hosted an annual downtown trick-ortreat. Kathy Rice started this tradition for the children to go from business to business around the square and have both the townspeople and the businesses get more involved in the community. Her husband, Louis Rice, has been with her in business for many years.

"My wife started this 21 years ago," Louis Rice, husband of Kathy Rice, said. "She started it because people were actually leaving Maryville instead of coming in for Halloween. So Kathy decided to set up the downtown trick-or-treat. The merchants just open their doors and hand out candy to the kids."

The tradition started in the downtown square and has expanded almost two full blocks. Businesses set up in the grass, on the sidewalks and out of the backs of vehicles. There are businesses that have been there since the beginning, and businesses that just started attending. When it first started, there was only around 10 businesses, and it has expanded to around 50 or 60 businesses.



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Northwest community members gathered in the city square for the annual trick or treat event where kids received candy from businesses around the area.

The local public safety services handed out glow necklaces for children to wear so they were visible and safe while trick-or-treating. The fire station sent some firefighters in uniform with the town truck.

"We brought the town truck because it's the newest and prettiest. This year, we're handing out pencils, but some years we hand out things like hats, stickers or slap bracelets," said one of the firemen. "It's all volunteer-based, so the men up here are here because they want to be."

People from surrounding towns bring their children, pets, and craziest costumes. The Tobin family, a family of 11, came with a family costume.

"We come because it's been here forever," the Tobin's motherin-law said.

"We love it. There's so much candy and fun," exclaimed the Tobin children ranging from ages 7 months to 8 years old.

The night has become a town staple and is open to all businesses and merchants. Because of the free event, everyone is able to help make a child's Halloween by creating a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

SAC brings two notable comedians to Northwest

BROOKE BEASLEY

Missourian Reporter | @Beemackkkk40

Comedians Dulce Sloan and Ian Aber brought their diverse comedy sets to Northwest Missouri State University last week.

Sloan was born in Miami, but lived most of her life in Los Angeles. She is an up-and-coming comedian who has seen some success. In February, she appeared on Conan, and has been on NFL Sunday's "Riggle's Picks." She was also on ABC's show "Resurrection." Sloan has also performed at many festivals, including the Women's Comedy Festival, the Cape Fear Comedy Festival, the Bridgetown Comedy Festival and the invitationonly Lucille Ball Festival, which is named after the actress from "I Love Lucy."

"I took so many pictures, I couldn't put them on Facebook. It was a dream of mine. They interviewed me over my set on the set of the show, like in the kitchen,"

Sloan also placed second in the 2015 Laughing Skull Comedy Festival. She won Standup NBC 2015, with second-place being awarded to her opener of the night and friend, Ian Aber. As a result, the two were picked to do college tours through the National Association Campus Activities (NACA).

Ian Aber is a comedian based from Atlanta who has been a stand-up comedian for the last five years. He was a featured performer and host at The Atlanta Improv and Laughing Skull Lounge. Aber was accepted into the Orlando Indie Fest Comedy Festival, Scruffy City Comedy Festival and Laughing Skull Festival. He is also the creator and producer of the comedic interactive show "Surrogates," in which audience members get to come onstage to be the mouthpiece for offstage comedians.

The show received a huge response from the crowd. Before the show, the comedians gave media organizations a behind-the-curtain look at how they get ready for a show.

Sloan says she generally does the same set for most shows, like the college shows. Sometimes she likes to switch it up to "be more loose" and sometimes she likes to be more interactive. There is information that gets pulled in and out of shows, depending on the audience. She also told reporters how she prepares for a show.

"If it's a competition or a big show, I will always do my makeup, run through my set in my head a million times and then call my mother so she can pray over me. That's the ritual I have before a show. With these shows, since I do so many of them, I know what my set is going to be." Sloan said.

Aber said that when he first started, he would figure out how far the exit was from the stage since he did sets about being gay. For big shows, he says he does his makeup and calls his husband.

Both artists talked about how they have grown in their work by talking more about themselves and less about things they observed. It was very much external material at first, but now it is more of what they feel and how things affect them.

"The biggest difference is that I'm as close to myself as I allow myself to see on stage now, whereas at first it was more what was going on in the world. There's a saying in comedy that says 'The only thing that hasn't been done is you. Funny you," Aber said.

Both comedians got into the industry because another comedian told them they were funny. The two first met in a comedy club in Atlanta. Aber and Dulce came together to perform here at Northwest through the 2016 NACA tour. SAC Director of Special Events Drake Summers tells about how they found the

"When we went to NACA this spring, we didn't specifically see Ian and Dulce, but they're a part of the same touring group," said Summers. "We just thought it was a really good opportunity. Dulce and Ian are both hilarious and made me and the committee laugh, so that's a big part of why we asked them to come. You get to pick a headliner and a co-headliner, and they're the two we picked,"

Summers also gave media organizations a sneak preview of some things SAC is planning this year. Slam poet Neil Hilborn will be performing this month. There will be some lectures coming up next spring. Northwest week is happening in April, and they are planning to have some more late night events.



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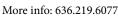
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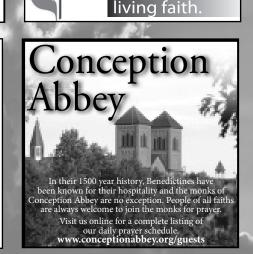
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College expenses are skyrocketing faster than inflation



To paraphrase Jimmy McMillan, the cost of college is too damn high

According to The College Board, a nonprofit private organization seeking to expand access to higher education, tuition for attending college has increased by an average of 5 percent in the last decade. This outpaces the inflation rate of 1.5 percent.

Northwest Missouri State's out-of-state tuition and fees was \$9,919 in 2010.

If the tuition increased at the

same rate as inflation, tuition would be \$10,982 in 2016. Northwest's out-of-state tuition and fees for 2016-2017 is \$14,465, almost \$3,500 more than if it had followed the inflation rate.

This is just the cost to attend college. Students still have to pay for room and board, a meal plan, textbooks and school supplies, such as a computer.

Two trimesters of room and board at Northwest varies from \$8,558 to \$9,612, depending on which complex one lives in.

The low end of room and board is almost the same cost as tuition for in-state students.

The trend of increasingly expensive college tuition is not going to and anytime soon

ing to end anytime soon.

Troy Onink, a CEO of Strat-

agee.com, which helps families plan for college, wrote in Forbes magazine that getting a four-year degree from an elite college, such as an Ivy League school, could cost a total \$334,000, if you started in 2018.

Onink also listed the average tuition costs of four-year public, private and elite colleges for the 2016-2017. The costs are \$30,232, \$62,011 and \$71,551 respectively.

He estimates the tuition of a four-year public university will be \$56,750 10 years from now. That would be an increase of \$26,518.

With the increased cost of college, students have to borrow more and more.

The Institute for College Access and Success (TICAS) reported students graduating as part of

the class of 2014 have an average of \$28,950 of student loan debt.

TICAS highlighted in its report that the average student debt went from \$18,550 to \$28,950 in a decade. The increase is more than twice as much as inflation.

TICAS suggests the jump in debt is because financial aid grants have not kept up with the rising cost of attending college.

"Over the last decade, the share of public college funding provided by states has declined (from 62 to 51 percent) while the portion students and families are asked to pay has increased (from 32 to 43 percent)," the report said.

"This shift in college funding from states to students has led to increasingly heavy burdens on students and families. After adjusting for inflation, per-student state spending on public colleges decreased 12 percent over the last decade, while the per-student revenue coming from tuition increased 43 percent."

The Huffington Post reported that 47 states cut spending per student between the 2007-08 and 2014-15 school years.

The average funding per student fell \$1,805 (20 percent), while the annual tuition at a four-year public college rose by \$2,068 (29 percent).

State governments need to increase funding for education instead of asking students to take on more debt. If they keep cutting funding, the only people that would be able to send their kids to college are doctors and millionaires.

OUR VIEW:

The governor election requires more attention

Election day is Nov. 8 and it is important to remember there are more issues on the ballot than just

the president.

When it comes to voting, many people just consider their presidential vote. Although this is obviously important, it is also important to vote for governor.

Governors are the highest-ranking official in a state. Duties vary from state to state, depending on the state's constitution, and may include signing bills, serving as commander-in-chief for the state's National Guard and appointing people to judicial and state offices.

The two main 2016 candidates for Missouri governor are Eric Greitens (R) and Chris Koster (D). Greitens and Koster have opposing views on most major topics, but also have some similarities in thinking.

Abortion is a major topic in the U.S. and it is one these candidates

do not agree on.

"I believe that every life is precious. I am pro-life, and I very strongly believe we must promote life, defend life, and that in a free society, no person should have their tax money taken from them and spent on organizations like Planned Parenthood that engage in activities that are, quite simply, barbaric," Greitens said.

Koster did a thorough examination of Planned Parenthood when it was believed to be selling harvested organs.

Koster found Planned Parenthood was not selling organs and said it doing no wrong.

Abortion is a woman's choice and should remain out of the hands of politicians, especially males.

This is not something that should be up to anyone besides the woman in the situation.

Another hot topic in the U.S. is gun control. Both of these candidates want to protect the right to

bear arms, and Koster is even endorsed by the National Rifle Association.

We appreciate these candidates want to protect our rights, but being endorsed by the NRA might be taking things a little too far.

The candidates have similar views on education. Koster put education in his top three priorities for Missouri and Greitens believes "every child in Missouri has the right to a first-rate education."

Education is incredibly important because, as cliche as it is, our children are the future of this nation. Our education system is always needing improvement.

Another major issue is the topic of immigration and our candidates strongly disagree on this.

Greitens believes immigrants have positively affected their communities by revitalizing parts of cities and "bringing an entrepreneurial spirit that creates jobs," while Koster believes we need to

strengthen laws against hiring ille-

gal aliens.

We also believe immigrants positively affect their communities but also need to take the steps to become legal citizens.

Another topic the candidates agree on is taxes. Both candidates agree taxes need to be cut for Missouri residents.

Greitens believes tax codes need to be simplified and leveled out to help middle-class families. Koster believes taxes need to be cut because they are not business

Lowering taxes would greatly benefit the families of Missouri, so it is reassuring to see both candidates are in favor of this.

No matter what your views on these topics are, no matter what political party you identify with, please take a minute out of your day and vote for Missouri governor

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DWI court provides multiple offenders one last opportunity to reform their ways before a permanent loss of driving privileges.

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Threefold offenders receive one last chance

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A new program, initiated Nov. 1, awards repeat alcohol traffic offenders a chance to regain a normal life through restricted driving privileges.

According to Associate Circuit Judge Doug Thomson, DWI Court is a treatment court, intended to give citizens a last chance to obtain driving privileges and maintain a sober lifestyle, after previous convictions have proved otherwise to general society.

In Missouri, if convicted of driving while intoxicated for a third time, a person loses his or her privilege to operate a motor vehicle for a 10 year period.

Thomson says during this period of time, offenders would give anything to live differently.

"During this time, people grow up and have children. They want to take their children to school, drive to work and do other things, but they aren't allowed to do any of that, as they have zero driving privileges," Thomson said.

The court provides options.

"DWI Court gives offenders the opportunity to work through a treatment program, as well as a court program, with somebody really watching over their shoulder and seeing if they're able to change their life and maintain sobriety. Therefore, be able to get at least a limited driving priv-

Thomson says limited driving privilege could result in, but is not limited to, driving to work and the doctor's office. Limited driving privilege will be tailored to the offender, as opposed to generalities.

In order to be eligible for the DWI Court, a person must be a threefold alcohol traffic offender and gone through the criminal case system. Thomson says once a person meets the previously mentioned criteria, the DWI Court team screens the applicant.

The prosecutor of the DWI Court is the gatekeeper," Thomson said. "He reviews applications, then brings them forth, suggesting whether they meet our qualifications

or not. From there, as a team, we decide what to do."

The DWI Court team includes Atchison County Prosecuting Attorney Brett Hurst, Probation Officer Melinda Adams, Defense Attorney Samuel Scroggie, Maryville Public Safety Officer Mike Stolte and a representative from the Family Guidance Center in St. Joseph. Members of the DWI Court represent the five counties served within the Fourth Circuit jurisdiction: Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway and Worth.

Thomson says once admitted into the program, participants must follow a strict set of rules.

"They will be going to outpatient treatment, which will include both group therapy and individual therapy, several times throughout a week. They will be finding a sponsor, someone who can help them in regards to becoming sober. They will probably attend some type of program that is a support group for alcoholics. They will be required to maintain their court appearances, two appearances per month. They can expect the possibility of someone showing up at their door, wanting to inspect their house, to make sure there is no alcohol or anything else in the residence. And they will meet with a probation officer,' Thomson said.

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A patriot quilt, created by quilter Della Rhoades, is to be auctioned during a raffle Dec. 21. The proceeds will be donated to both the Nodaway County Senior Center and the Patriot Quilt project.

Leland LaRose, a former veteran who lives in the Maryville area, saw many of his friends, who are also veterans go into nursing homes where they were not getting much, if any, veteran recognition or visitation by friends and family.

"I thought to myself, 'what can I do to help show that they are not forgotten?" LaRose said. "My wife does quilting and has worked with a lady out of the Methodist Church named Della Rhoades. I asked her if we could do something for the veterans in the five Nodaway County nursing homes; I wanted to make patriot quilts for their twin size beds."

They began to gather red, white and blue quilting material and LaRose presented his Patriot Quilt idea to his Sunday school group at church and received a monetary donation of \$100 for thread and materials. He then began receiving other donations and eventually had enough for the production of 10 quilts.

"We asked the quilters of the Methodist Church if they would like to help, and they responded to the call to make the quilts," LaRose said.

Eventually, with the help of

Rhoades and the quilters of the Methodist church, 31 quilts were made and distributed to every veteran in

the Nodaway county nursing homes. LaRose said he wanted to make this a perpetual project, so he came up with the idea to make a queen size patriot quilt to provide money for materials to continue the Patriot Quilt Project.

"Della made the quilt, and it was shown at the county fair. Lots of people commented on it. It's going to be in the senior center to be raffled," LaRose said.

Amie Firavich, in association with the Nodaway County Senior Center, said the senior center had nothing to do with the quilting process. However, it is housing the quilt and raffling it off for LaRose and the Patriot Quilt Project.

"Half the money goes to the senior center, and half goes to the Patriot Quilt Project for more quilts. We are selling raffle tickets here at the senior center for \$1 a piece, 6 for \$5, and 13 for \$10," Firavich said.

The senior center needs to raise over \$30,000 a year to cover the cost of the home-delivered meals it provides. Firavich says the money raised during this raffle will help the center with that goal.

According to an article by the Nodaway Ness Leader, the Patriot Quilt group invites those interested in quilting to attend its meeting Jan. 10 at the First United Methodist Church, as well as attend the raffle Dec. 21 at the Nodaway County Senior Center.

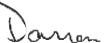


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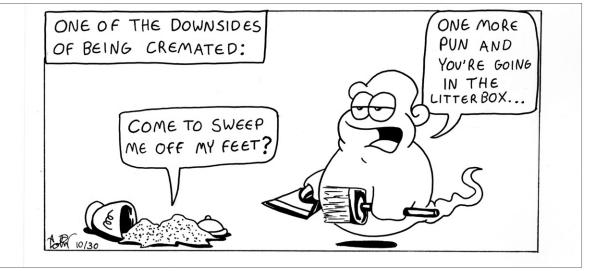
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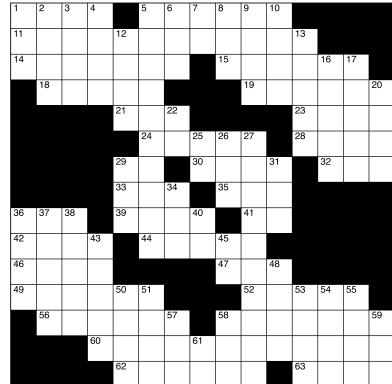
Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

Clues Across

- 1. Famed Spanish General's nickname
- 5. Drink alcohol
- 11. Savings for soggy days
- 14. Kleenex, Puffs are some
- 15. Moved in a circular way
- 18. Pile of stones
- 19. Drenched
- 21. Talk to you (abbr.)
- 23. World's longest river
- 24. Thoughts
- 28. Stake
- 29. Lawrence Taylor's nickname
- 30. Coat or smear
- 32. Comedian Josh
- 33. Cost, insurance, freight (abbr.)
- 35. Royal Bank of Canada
- 36. Polyvinyl chloride
- 39. Lifeless
- 41. Doctor of Medicine
- 42. Former Saudi Arabian king
- 44. River along border of India and Nepal
- 46. German widow
- 47. Administrative review board
- 49. Small tower
- 52. Central American fruit
- 56. Cigar
- 58. Bring to life
- 60. Linked together in a chain
- 62. Marinara, BBQ are two
- 63. Mail

Clues Down

- 1. Expression of creative skill
- 2. Nonclerical
- 3. Credit card company
- 4. Ancient Chinese city
- 5. Personas
- 6. More (Spanish)
- 7. Close to
- 8. Nigerian City
- 9. Pals
- 10. Internal
- 12. Type of tent
- 13. Beloved Princess 16. Supplementing with difficulty



- 17. Region in Mississippi
- 20. Brave act
- 22. 36 inches
- 25. -___, denotes past
- 26. Swiss river
- 27. Submersibles
- 29. Portable computer screen material
- 31. Binary-coded decimal
- 34. Supervises flying
- 36. Represents dull, abrupt sound
- 37. Deformity involving a limb
- 38. Map
- 40. Dominican Republic
- 43. Breed of hogs
- 45. District attorney
- 48. Light Russian pancake
- 50. Selfs

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- 51. Rock songstress Turner 53. American Music Awards
- 54. Partner
- 55. Egyptian Sun god
- 57. European money 58. Consumed
- 59. Doctor of Education 61. Actinium

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This saying has become a popular slogan used in attempt to challenge the status quo. However, removing the gender binary is not only unrealistic, it is a major concern for those, like Joy Ladin, who are transgender but use the gender binary to understand and define themselves.

Always Ask

Language is evolving to include gender neutral pronouns, but whether they will last is still up for debate

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Despite much political resistance, the United States has taken certain measures to become more inclusive and respectful to gender minorities.

One of the major societal changes being examined is the use of gendered pronouns.

Under this system, there are two singular pronouns: he and she. However, individuals who do not choose to identify in the gender binary are left excluded.

There is a movement trying to create new pronouns or use the plural pronouns them and they to refer to others.

The new pronouns include: zie, sie, ey, ve, tey and e. These do not refer to one specific gender.

This evolution of language is not far off from the history of language and the use of pronouns in the past. They and them have been used throughout most of history to refer to a person whose gender is unknown.

Assistant Professor Christopher Strelluf studies the evolution of language, and believes this movement is politically motivated.

"I think an important place to start is the idea we should use 'he' for everything," Strelluf said. "This is a new idea in history (because) it does not have a historical origin."

In 1489, William Caxton, an important linguist, said "Each of them should make themselves ready." He uses "them" to refer to a single person.

In the 1800s, there were several books about elocution which encompasses the rules of grammar and language. However, once the first set of books was written, the only way to write new books was to come up with more rules.

This was when the switch to the strict he and she pronouns occurred. Now, the singular they is used to describe someone whose biological sex is known but who is choosing to opt out of the binary.

Strelluf is not convinced the new pronouns are going to stick.

"Pronouns are function words that just deal with grammatical functions," Strelluf said. "All a pronoun does is let you know a gender and a number. Those function words are really inflexible. There is a long history of trying to add words to a language to perform that specific function and none of them have taken hold."

Assistant Professor of English Joseph Haughey said gendered pronouns have been steadily used for centuries. Even Shakespeare used the same pronouns we use today.

Haughey had the opportunity to have dinner with Joy Ladin, the first openly transgender professor at an Orthodox Jewish institution.

"Joy's book was the first book I have read from an open transgender author and she uses feminine pro-

There are a variety of trans* & gender variant identities.

These are a few common words to know.



Not all people of a gender variant identity use the same definition.

Allow individuals to define their gender by their own terms.

Agender

A person does not identify with gender.

Androgyne

A person who desires a sex expression between cis-male and cis-female norms, or someone whose gender does not fit the male or female binary.

Bigender

A person identifies as two genders, whether simultaneously or in turn.

Cisgender

A person identifies with the gender they were assigned at birth.

Genderfluid

A person has a shifting or changing gender identity or expression.

Genderqueer

A person has a gender identity or expression that falls outside of the societal norm for their assigned sex

Intersex

A person who has sex characteristics that are neither entirely male nor female. (Note: Intersex is not a gender identity, it is a sex identity.)

Transgender/Trans*

A person has a gender identity that does not match their gender assigned at birth.

Transsexual

A person that has a gender that does not match their sex assigned at birth.

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nouns," Haughey said.

Although Ladin acknowledges the expansion of pronouns, she worries the movement is focused on removing the gender binary completely

"At the dinner, I thought it was interesting when she talked about people removing the gender binary completely," Haughey said. "She did not want that; she needed the binary to understand who she was. I felt comforted by that because I need gender to understand who I am too."

Ladin's book helped Haughey better understand the LGBT community and gender dysphoria.

"There are lots of things about my body I wish I could change. I wish I could lose weight, I wish I could look younger, handsomer, faster, stronger," Haughey said. "There are all of those things I would like to change, but I am very in tune with my gender. For me, my gender and body matched up."

Haughey's assumptions about the trans community were also challenged

"What comes out of that is an understanding of transgender and

how there is not a one-size-fits all answer," Haughey said. "It was easy for me before to look at people who are transgender and think they must all be on the same page and agree on the same issues, but it doesn't actually make sense. Everyone is still trying to figure everything out the same as anyone else."

Similar to Strelluf, Haughey does not think the new gender pronouns will make their way into literature.

"It is hard for me to imagine the pronouns such as z, eir and hur making a big shift into literature, with the exception of the singular they," Haughey said.

He does not foresee this change causing any major miscommunication problems when interpreting literature.

"Language is constantly shifting; we will continually look at the changes," Haughey said. "Sometimes it can be a little confusing, but there are often footnotes to help us move on. I suspect, as language makes its shifts and jumps, we will be able to figure it out. People will have to think carefully and critical-

ly in the future, the same as we do now."

Students would like to see a change in language as well.

Sophomore human services major Julia Morris identifies as agender. Morris uses the pronouns they and them and would like to see the terms used more around campus.

"You don't know what someone's gender identity is," Morris said. "There is nothing wrong with someone wanting to use the gendered pronouns for themselves, but I like to have the option to not use them."

However, when someone assumes Morris's gender, it is difficult to have the conversation to correct them

"I don't typically have this conversation with people because I do not want to out myself to everyone," Morris said. "I have not even told my roommate, who still refers to me as 'she' because it is pretty hard."

as 'she' because it is pretty hard."

One change Morris wants to see on campus is the option of they on forms requesting identity. Furthermore, they would like to see more gender neutral bathroom options.

Coordinator of Diversity and Inclusion Gabbi Ray also supports gender neutral bathrooms on campus as well as the acceptance of all differences.

"I want us to be able to get to the point where accepting someone is not even a conscious choice; you just do," Ray said. "My job and this office's job is to make sure each student feels a strong level of support."

Ray feels as though Northwest has a long way to go to be more inclusive, but it is taking the measures it needs to become more inclusive in the future, including hiring herself as well as a vice president of diversity and inclusion.

Ray believes discrimination stems from lack of knowledge.

"We are trying to provide more educational opportunities for students so it is not unusual anymore," Ray said. "One of the things I say all the time is 'people stop trying to figure out what they do not know.' People don't know about something, so they shy away from the differences. This is not the answer."

One of the major questions is how gender neutral language will look in other languages. Spanish, for example, has masculine and feminine nouns.

Sophomore human services major David Anzures knows this is a major roadblock, but has given several presentations on using the gender neutral term latinx.

"I want to see latinx be more known to the public," Anzures said. "Get in the habit of using gender neutral language because so many people do not identify with their biological gender."

Anzures recognizes using gendered pronouns will be a hard habit to break, but it is still important.

"You do not want to misgender anyone by accident," Anzures said. "When I do not know someone's specified gender, I go neutral with they and them."

English professor Kenton Wilcox wants to promote gender neutral language in the classroom as means to provide an optimal learning environment.

Wilcox believes students can be preoccupied in class about how the rest of the students perceive them.

"I would rather all of my students feel comfortable with me and their classmates, so then the focus can be on the material for the class," Wilcox said.

With the increased visibility of people who do not fit the gender binary, Wilcox sees an increased need to accommodate language.

"As an activist, I believe in trying to accommodate and calling people what they want to be called," Wilcox said. "As a linguist, only time will tell whether these new pronouns will actually take root."

As language continues to evolve, we can only hope the mindsets of people do as well.

Artist Spotlight

Art gives Bearcat senior a new outlook on the world

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"Drawing has always served as a method of processing things I encounter. Drawing is a task that requires one to slow down, consider, study and then reconsider what was experienced," senior Tia Calkins said.

Calkins cannot remember a time when she did not have her nose in a sketchbook. She found her love for art at a young age and accredits part of it to her family and art teacher.

"When I was younger, every year, my family would go to Blue Rapids, Kansas for the annual county fair. There was always a juried art show of quilts, drawings, paintings-you name it. I had older cousins interested in art, and I remember seeing their drawings with ribbons hanging off of them each year, and thinking how cool they were, being able to create," Calkins said.

Her favorite medium is oil paint. She says her high school teacher was the first to show her the technique and eventually push her to pursue art at the next level.

"My preference in mediums is oil paint; I see it as the most forgiving and workable medium and it always draws me back. I'm fascinated with how it moves on the canvas; how the colors mix and morph into one another is utterly captivating," Calkins said.

Calkins draws inspiration from everyday life.

"My view on life-what is important to me, how I see what is going on around me, how I form an opinion-has changed and is continuing to change the more I learn about and continue to practice art," Calkins said. "I fully believe creative people are generally more open-minded, better problem solvers and have a lot to offer their community and the world around them."

Calkins has used her professors and fellow students to push her in her experiences and her work.

Brant Weiland, a graduate student at Northwest, has watched Calkins grow the last few years in her art. He notices Calkins always reading, sketching and painting ideas.

"In the past two years of upper division classes, her ideas have gained such depth and maturity. It makes me excited to see the culmination of her work during her Senior Show this semester," Weiland said.

Weiland believes that she will have a lot of success in her future career. Watching her grow has been a great pleasure for him.

"She is the type of artist any studio would be lucky to have and I feel like she is going to have a great deal of success throughout her career," Weiland said.

Calkin seems to have a bright future ahead of her. She does not currently have work showing.

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This piece is titled "Knowledge, Communication and Disconnect." Calkins uses art to process the world. The more she practices art the more her opinions change.

 $Tia\ Calkins\ was\ inspired\ to\ practice\ art\ by\ her\ family\ and\ her\ art\ teachers\ throughout\ high\ school.$



NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN SPORTS JUMPS



I'm just thankful for what he did for me on the cross. I try to stay rooted in him and that allows me to glorify him each and every time I take the field.

-Kyle Zimmerman

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"Being able to see all those guys down on one knee, saying whatever they want in the silence of their hearts is just amazing," Zimmerman

Dorrel continues to praise his quarterback as the Bearcat model for success, making the case that he has exceeded every expectation the coach has laid out for him.

"We talk about the way you prepare: your body language, your attention to detail, your leadership and he's hit a home run in each one of those things," Dorrel said.

Game after game, the senior quarterback has not ceased to impress. His core values are what has formed him into the man he is today. The legacy he leaves behind will carry him far beyond his last football game, Dorrel says.

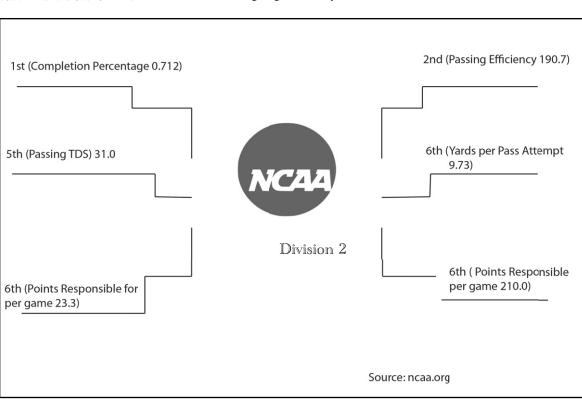
"He's going to be very success-

ful in life," Dorrel said. "He's very hardworking. He has a great heart; he cares about people; he's unselfish and just a great team guy. It's great seeing him reap the rewards of so much hard work. It's just awesome

NEXT GAME

Northwest @ Fort Hays St.

Nov. 5 @ 2 p.m.





SHAWNA KINGSTON I NW MISSOURIAN Senior quarterback Kyle Zimmerman prepares for snap Oct. 29. Zimmerman

broke the record for passing touchdowns in a single game and total touchdowns.

HOUNDS

CONTINUED FROM A12

Zimmerman leads the Spoofhounds in receiving with 581 yards and 13 touchdowns on 28 receptions. Despite Zimmerman's absence, senior quarterback Trey Oglesby found a way to connect to

other receivers. Oglesby found senior Spencer Morrison and sophomore Eli Dowis in the endzone three times. Dowis finished the game with two

of the receptions. Dowis joked about Zimmerman's absence helping his performance, but also credits Zimmerman to helping him find a way into the endzone.

"It felt good," Dowis said. "Zimmerman is hogging those touchdowns out there. I knew how to set up."

Oglesby credits the offense's ability to adjust to preparation for what-if situations in practice.

"We always talk about next man up," Oglesby said. "If you're the second guy, you could become the first guy in one play. Coach told us after the game to get ready for practice because we'll be rotating in and out. You never know what is going to happen."

Whatever scenario comes for the Spoofhounds Friday, everything will spur from the preparation system Webb's team has emphasized all

"We'll need to come out and have good energy," Webb said. "All the things we stress on is going to be no different than what we have done all season.'

NEXT GAME

Nov. 4 @ 7 p.m.



Sophomore running back Eli Dowis slides past St. Pius X defenders for a first down.

SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN

ATHLETESWEEK

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Kyle Zimmerman



The senior quarterback completed 19 of 21 passes for a career best 385 yards in Northwest's 69-10 victory over Pittsburg State. Zimmerman also broke the school record for total touchdowns (seven) and passing touchdowns (six).

Sammy Laurenzo



The junior finished 10th in the MIAA Cross Country Championships with a time of 22:13.77. She competes in the NCAA Midwest Regional invitational Nov. 5.

Trey Oglesby



The senior quarterback completed 10 of 18 passes for 213 yards and three touchdowns in Maryville's 45-7 victory over St. Pius X. He also ran for 62 yards on the ground.

Lydia Mitchell



The junior advanced to the individual Class Three State meet with a time of 23:28 after she placed 15th in the district eight invitational. This is Mitchell's second straight year in the state tournament.

A10

Injury-ridden Bearcats end season on low



BRIA CREEDEN I NW MISSOURIAN Freshman Izzy Romano fights off Central Oklahoma freshman mid-fielder Kelesey Gordon in a battle for the ball Oct. 16. The Bearcats finished the season 4-12-1. Romano was officially announced the MIAA Freshman Player of the Year.



AMBER GIERSTORF

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The Bearcats' seasonlong struggle for success came to an end Sunday afternoon after a 3-1 loss to Lindenwood.



Lindenwood took the lead early in the match, scoring its first goal in the 12th minute of play. Northwest's defense held the Lions to just one goal for the majority of the game, and freshman midfielder Izzy Romano scored a goal in the 80th minute to tie the game 1-1.

Lindenwood quickly took back the lead, scoring on a penalty kick just two minutes after Northwest's goal. This was the only penalty kick the Bearcats gave up this season.

Northwest pushed the tempo at the end of the game in an attempt to tie the score, but the Lions' counterattack proved successful. They scored again in the 85th minute to extend their lead and claim the win.

Coach Tracy Hoza is proud of how her girls played and how hard they worked. They put up a good fight in their last game of the season.

'We went down and we challenged them," Hoza said. "The players that came off did a great job for us, and I'm very proud of how they played."

This loss gives Northwest an overall record of 4-12-1 this season, and a record of 2-9-0 in MIAA conference play. The Bearcats went 2-5-1 in home matches, and on the road they finished 2-7-0. They ended the season sitting 10th place in the MIAA conference, ahead of Missouri Southern and Southwest Baptist.

While the results are not what the Bearcats hoped for, success was seen from Romano. She led the team in points this season, scoring a total of four goals. She was also named as the MIAA Freshman of the Year.

Northwest faced many struggles this season, but the toughest challenge it dealt with was injuries. Hoza was forced to rework the lineup several times in order to compensate for the loss of players.

'The adversity for us was the injuries, and there was one injury right after the other as soon as Octo-

ber hit," Hoza said. "We had to rally around each other, and I am very impressed with how they practiced and how they played."

Freshman forward Emily Madden suffered a season-ending knee injury Oct. 1. Junior defender Annie Poelzl was out for several weeks with a quad injury. Freshman defender Kayla Ellis was out with a high ankle sprain, and junior midfielder Jessica Spradley underwent an appendectomy, rendering her unable to play for a good portion of the season.

"It wasn't that we just had one, and we rally around and do it, but then we had another one and another one," Hoza said. "It made it kind of hard for us to get into a groove and a rhythm."

Junior midfielder Danielle Wolfe attributes many of her team's struggles to not being able to finish. Everyone played well and worked hard, but oftentimes they were unable to continue that persistence until the final whistle.

"We definitely competed with probably almost every team we played; we just didn't seem to put the ball in the back of the net every time that we could have," Wolfe

Overall, Hoza is pleased with how her team performed. She would have liked to see her team score more goals, but it made improvements in other areas of the game throughout the season.

"Our passing has gotten tons

better. I think our defense has gotten tons better, and we gave up less goals this year, which was great to see," Hoza said. Wolfe finished the season with

four goals. Senior midfielder Cassie Phillips also contributed three goals.

There were two other seniors on the team this year, forwards Ashley Cole and Jessica Breyfogle. Hoza praises all three seniors for their great leadership and strong work ethic.

"Those guys just give you everything," Hoza said. "There are no ifs, ands or buts; they will give you everything to the best of their ability, and that was great to see."

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2013	5	11	2
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Central Missouri	
Fort Hays St	6-3
Washburn	
Pittsburg St	5-4
Missouri Western	
Central Oklahoma	2-7
Lindenwood	2-7
Missouri Southern	2-7
Northeastern St	2-7
Nebraska Kearney	1-8

Nov. 5

NORTHWEST at Fort Hays St. Emporia St. at Missouri Western Missouri Southern at Lindenwood Nebraska Kearney at Pittsburg St. Central Missouri at Northeastern St. Washburn at Central Oklahoma

NW VOLLEYBALL

MIAA Standings

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X-Washburn	22-	5
X-Central Oklahoma	25-	2
NORTHWEST	21-	4 13-1
Fort Hays St	22-	7
Central Missouri	17-	8
Missouri Western	14-	12
Lindenwood	10-	14
Emporia St	13-	15
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Missouri Southern	4-2	
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NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN SPORTS



BRIA CREEDEN I NW MISSOURIAN Junior Melissa Shepherd finished in fourth place, placing 70th overall in the MIAA Championships Oct. 22.

Regionals to serve as critical checkpoint

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Following a regular season that featured multiple top five finishes, the Northwest cross country team sets its sights on the NCAA Central Region Champi-

onships The Bearcats enter the meet confident after the men's team finished second at the MIAA Championships, while the women's team featured a 10th place finish from soph-

omore Sammy Laurenzo. On the men's side, Northwest had strong performances from seniors Nolan Zimmer and Wick Cunningham, who placed fourth and sixth, respectively.

Led by Zimmer, who has earned All-Region and All-MIAA honors, the men's team has momentum on its side as it heads into the thick of postseason competition.

"We tend to have more trouble at the conference meet than at the regional meet," coach Scott Lorek said. "Things went well at that meet and we're heading into the regional meet at a really good level."

Now that Northwest has put together two solid meets in a row, its biggest obstacle is approaching the regional meet the same way.

Contributions from younger runners only improves the Bearcats' chance of being successful. The older runners feel confident in their ability to step up and play to the level of the competition.

We're a young team and we kind of get nervous at bigger meets," junior Melissa Shepherd said. "We just need to stay focused for this meet and trust our training."

How the younger runners fair will be crucial in determining how successful the team is. This is especially true for the women's team that, while finishing 10th, still has

room to improve. Although the women have not finished in the top 10 in the last three meets, Lorek senses the side is ready to rebound.

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"We got dinged up a little bit at the conference meet," Lorek said. "Now we want to change things and perform better at the regional meet."

Some of the younger runners that will be asked to step up are sophomores Sierra Coen and Maria Mostek. Now that the conference meet is out of the way, Northwest can focus all of its attention on the regional meet. That includes a change in the training regimen.

"We kind of train through the conference meet," Shepherd said. "But this week, we have been tapering off into some easier things so that we're rested up for this upcoming meet."

If the women's team is to perform up to expectations, it will have to follow the lead of Shepherd. No women's runner has been more consistent or affects the team the way Shepherd has.

"She's been very consistent this year as our number two or three spotter," Lorek said. "She's also done a great job for us leadershipwise and I'm excited for the direction she's going."

With experienced runners like Zimmer and Shepherd working in concert with the younger runners, Northwest appears to be primed for a memorable postseason run. And after adjusting its training routine, the runners are coming off of a two week break feeling rested and ready to compete against the other schools in the region.

NEXT COMPETITION

NCAA Central Region Championships @ Siou Falls, S.D. Nov. 5 All Day

District results enough for Hounds' state birth

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After a strong performance at the district tournament, Maryville's cross country team seeks to continue its successful season at

the state competition. The Hounds have already fin-

ished the most successful districts meet in school history.

For the first time since 2002, two girls qualified state, including freshman Laura Feuerbacher and junior Lydia Mitchell.

Also for the first time ever, the boys finished second as a team, which qualifies the entire squad for the state meet. This continues the historic sea-

son for Maryville after capturing the conference title for the first time The team has seen records shat-

tered and multiple victories at regular season meets as well. "We have broken so many

boundaries this year," senior Colin Arnold said. "It's just been a really successful season." Senior Joshua Sanders feels the

success of this year's team comes from how the members view each

"We have gotten really close

this season," Sanders said. "We really have become a family with our success on the course."

Along with the bond the team has built, junior Caleb Fuerbacher has also linked the team's success with Rodney Bade's coaching.

"Coach Bade has been a huge part leading us the entire way this year," Caleb Fuerbacher said.

The team has grown under Bade since he arrived three years ago.

When he arrived, the team only had a total of 10 athletes. Since then the program has grown to 25.

The growth has led to more experience over the last few seasons, which Bade contributes as a factor to the season's success.

"The experience has contributed a lot this season," Bade said. "It takes a lot to get kids out running over the years to improve."

Bade stressed the importance of continuing running after the cross country season.

"It also takes running in track and running in the summer and winter. We are just starting to get that, which has helped a lot this year."

Bade also praised the leadership from the seniors this season.

"Our two senior boys not only have put effort in their running, but have also stressed class," Bade said.

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Bade mentions the positivity

that some of the seniors brought to practice. This has been a key contributing factor to the season.

Bade and the team will prepare for state like most other meets, with only a few changes.

'The only major change is we will bring down the volume and in-

tensity for the last week," Bade said. "We also will focus more on recovery and nutrition, along with preparing the kids mentally."

The historic season will continue at the state tournament in Jefferson City Nov. 5.

The Maryville boys and the rest

of Class 3 will kick off the tournament at 9 a.m. The girls will follow

NEXT COMPETITION

MSHAA Class 3 State Tournament @ Jefferson City Nov. 5 All Day



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Zimmerman among most efficient in Division II

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Northwest Missouri continues college football's longest win streak and behind the scenes, its

senior quarterback's walk of faith is a phenomenon like none seen before. First-year starter Kyle Zimmer-

man has been a spectacle to watch through his first nine games. At the helm of the No. 1 ranked team in the country, the senior has made a name for himself as the most efficient quarterback in Division II football. His 190.7 passing efficiency ranks No. 2 in Division II. This combined with the No. 1 rated completion percentage (0.712), his dominance has been one for the staticians to remember

With all these accomplishments in such a short amount of time, Zimmerman gives much of his credit to his relationship with Jesus.

'I'm just thankful for what he did for me on the cross," Zimmerman said. "I try to stay rooted in him and that allows me to glorify him each and every time I take the field."

Through nine games, Zimmerman has accumulated 31 passing touchdowns, placing him No. 5 in the country in that category. In addition, the quarterback has thrown zero interceptions and is the only one to do so in Division II football.

"I've tried not to think about it," coach Adam Dorrel said. "It's pretty remarkable what he's doing."

In Zimmerman's previous contest against Pittsburg State, the star broke two program records. One in passing touchdowns in a single game (6) as well as total touchdowns in a single game (7). Along with the scores, the fifth year racked up 385 yards on just 19 of 21 passing.

This earned Zimmerman the MIAA athlete of the week.

Other national statistics the Blue Valley High School graduate is listed in include No. 6 in both points responsible for (210 total points) and yards per pass attempts (9.73 yards per attempt).

"Unbelievable," Dorrel said. "Just proud of him and what he stands for."

The veteran has seen the field since his sophomore year and has not started since the 2016 season. This is the personification of loyalty displayed at the highest degree.

"Again you go back two years ago where he could have easily transferred and it never once crossed his mind," Dorrel said.

Zimmerman's faith began to transform his life in his early stages as a Bearcat. Since his freshman year, his relationship with Jesus has been one that has actively changed not only him, but his teammates around him.

"When I came here to Northwest, I found Christ," Zimmerman said. "I'm just growing in that journey and teaching the young guys that there are things bigger than football in this world. We have a great devotional after practice and it's just cool to see a lot of the team show up to that."

Zimmerman is also part of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). He leads these meetings every Monday night.

A majority of the Bearcat football team participates in a tradition where, before every football game, anyone that desires to gathers in the end zone. The rest is up to the players.

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HANNAH WOODSON I NW MISSOURIAN Senior quarterback Kyle Zimmerman finds space along the left sideline leaving Pitt State defenders in the dust Oct. 29.

Hounds meet Spartans in championship rematch

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Maryville's chances of winning yet another district championship will be tested in a battle of two undefeated teams.



The Spoofhounds host Richmond High School for the Class 3 District 8 Championship. On paper, the two teams are alike, yet each team has its own distinct identity which credits to its success.

"It is going to be a good heavyweight matchup," coach Matt Webb said. "It's that time of year in the playoffs where, if you want to be the best, you have to beat the best."

Richmond is coming off a 21-18 win over Chillicothe last week. In comparison, Maryville beat the Hornets 61-14 Sept. 2.

"I can't say enough things about them," Webb said. "They are excellent on the offensive and defensive line. They are big, strong and athletic. They bring a full and very powerful offense to the table. On the defense, their front line is the same as the guys at the offensive line: big and strong. It is an ex-



SHAWNA KINGSTON I NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore Eli Dowis rushes past St. Pius X defenders for a Spoofhound touchdown Oct. 28.

cellent football program."

Richmond put up 303 offensive yards against the Hornets. Ju-

nior quarterback Dominic Williams finished the game with eight completions, producing 146 yards, two

touchdowns and one interception. He also had 22 carries for 76 yards. The Spartans have not lost a game this season, and have outscored their opponents 464-87.

'They do a good job running the football," Webb said. "When they do have to throw, they have wide receivers that are athletic. There is really some talent out there and we are going to have our hands full."

Maryville is coming off a 45-7 victory over St. Pius X. The Spoofhounds put up 524 offensive yards: 219 in the air and 305 on the ground. The Warriors were held to 132 offensive yards: 161 passing and -29 rushing.

Senior running back John Zimmerman left the game with an apparent injury. Zimmerman limped to the sideline following a touchdown play late in the first quarter. He was seen later in the game on crutches with an ice pack on his right leg. Webb would not elaborate on the diagnosis of the injury.

"I don't comment on injuries," Webb said. "We don't list starters. I don't know how to say it, but he is to be determined. Hopefully we will get him back."

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Northwest strives to rebound in toughest test yet

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After running through the majority of its schedule, Northwest appears to have hit a snag.

Following its 3-0 loss to No. 13 Washburn, Northwest dropped its contest to Emporia State in a five-set thriller. To make matters worse, these losses come at a time when it will affect postseason momentum, considering there are only four matches left in regular season play.

"We did not play our best and it showed," coach Amy Woerth said. "Especially offensively, which is where we have been strong throughout the season."

Northwest has averaged a .216 hitting percentage through the season, but two consecutive performances of under .100 percent deviated from the norm.

"We could not execute on a consistent basis," sophomore Maddy Bruder said. "We competed hard, but it came down to attacking and we had errors, which lowered our percentage."

For the season, Northwest has a record of 21-4, with three of those losses coming in the past six matches. Now, Northwest returns home and seeks to end its recent struggles.

"Playing at home is a bit of a confidence booster," Bruder said. "Just being in that environment with those fans will give us a bit of a push."

An extra push is exactly what Northwest will need when its next opponent, No. 3 Nebraska-Kearney, arrives. Not only do the Lopers hold the best record in the conference, but they also lead the conference in hitting percentages, kills, assists and opponent hitting percentages.

'We are excited to get after this week," Woerth said. "We have a really good thought process on what we need to get better at so we're ready to play the No. 1 team in our conference Friday."

With Nebraska-Kearney, Northwest will have its hands full with lone senior Annie Wolfe. The All-American outside hitter is second in the conference in hitting percentage, only trailing teammate Tara Ziegelbein.

Against ranked opponents, Northwest has a record of 2-3. A win against the exceptional Nebraska-Kearney team will provide the Bearcats with some much needed momentum heading into the conference tourna-

ment, assuming they qualify. So far, only Central Oklahoma, Nebraska-Kearney and Washburn have secured a MIAA tournament

berth. And while Northwest's chances of earning a high seed in the tournament are good, it must first focus on closing out its remaining matches.

After Friday's contest with the Lopers, Northwest will host Fort Hayes State November 5. The Tigers enter the match with a 22-7 record and are ranked No. 1 in confer-

"Fort Hayes is closest to us in the rankings," Woerth said. "That's a big match from the standpoint of tournament seeding."

If Northwest wants the highest seed possible, it needs to win its four remaining matches. In order to accomplish that, both players and coaches agree the team needs to get back to doing what it does best: attack.

Northwest has more than enough time to build momentum heading into the MIAA tournament. Northwest may have struggled against ranked competition in its last two outings, but this weekend provides an ideal opportunity to exorcise that demon.

NEXT GAME

Nebraska Kearney @ Northwest Nov. 4 @ 7 p.m. Fort Hays St. @ Northwest

Nov. 5 @ 3 p.m.



DYLAN COLDSMITH I NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore Maddy Bruder prepares for a serve Oct. 14. The Bearcats are preparing for the final four games at home with an overall record of 21-4.